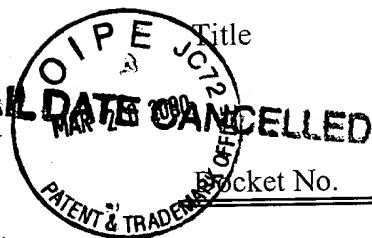




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Inventor : Hubertus E. M. STASSEN et al.  
Appln. No. : 09/446,875  
Filed : January 20, 2000  
Title : METHOD OF THERMICALLY TREATING A  
CARBONACEOUS MATERIAL-COMPRISING  
AQUEOUS FLUID AND A APPARATUS  
THEREFOR  
Pocket No. : B758.312-0001



RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
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2. Declaration executed by the inventor(s).
3. Power of Attorney.
4. Executed Assignment of the invention to BTG Biomass Technology Group  
B.V., Sparqle International B.V., and Recordation Form Cover Sheet.
5. Submission under 37 C.F.R. 3.73 (b).
6. Two executed Statement of Small Entity Status.

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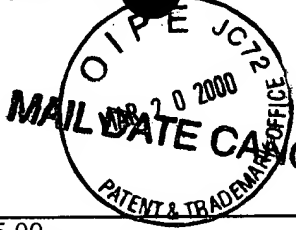
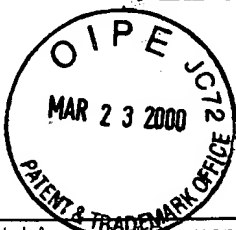


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Number Claims	Priority	Extra	Fee from Below	Fee Paid
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## FEE CALCULATION (Continued)

## 3. ADDITIONAL FEES

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139	130	139	130	Non-English specification	*
147	2,520	147	2,520	For Filing a Request for Reexamination	*
115	110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month	*
116	380	216	190	Extension for reply within second month	*
117	870	217	435	Extension for reply within third month	*
118	1,360	218	680	Extension for reply within fourth month	*
128	1,850	280	925	Extension for reply within fifth month	*
120	300	220	150	Filing a brief in support of an appeal	*
121	260	221	130	Request for oral hearing	*
148	110	248	55	Terminal Disclaimer Fee	*
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I am:

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NAME OF CONCERN

Sparqle International B.V.

ADDRESS OF CONCERN

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(check one)

There is no such person, concern, or organization.

The person, concerns or organizations are listed below:

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Signature: J.M.L. Penninger Date: 01/20/2000  
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Title: DIRECTOR